

Attorney Docket No. 06618-891001
Application No. 10/064,500
Amendment dated April 22, 2004
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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Initially, the indication that claims 11-20 are allowed, that claims 28-35, 2-7, 9-10, 22-24 and 26-27 would be allowable if rewritten, are all appreciatively noted. The Examiner is thanked for his careful consideration of these claims and the issues in this case.

Initially, the objections to claims are well taken, and have all been obviated by amendment.

Each of the allowable claims 2, 3, 9, 22, 23, 24, 26 have been rewritten herein by amendment. This leaves only claims 1, 8, 21 and 25 as being rejected over the prior art. In response, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 therein, specifically that the better absorbing material is a metal material. This should also obviate the rejections to claims 1 and 8. Claim 21 has been amended to include similar limitations; specifically that the first surface includes a metal that is a better absorber of microwave. This should obviate all remaining rejections.

A notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

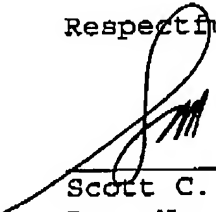
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It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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